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In Re Application of: Richard NEWCOMB Confirmation No.: 8871
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FOR: **POWER COUPLING FOR HIGH POWER SPUTTERING**

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EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to meet and discuss the present application.

On May 15, 2009, Applicants' counsel Eamonn Gardner of Cooley Godward Kronish LLP, Reg. No. 63,322, met by telephone with Examiner Michael Band. During the interview, the following subject matter was discussed:

- the possibility of a molecularly bonded liquid metal contact, as evidenced by www.mercotac.com and www.novaelectrical.com;
- the Office Actions failure to cite motivation within the prior art for rearrangement—Examiner Band was of the position that explicit motivation from the prior art was not required; and
- whether the combination of Barrett and Wurczinger teaches having some features outside the vacuum chamber (seals, bearings, etc.) and the power coupler inside the vacuum chamber.

No agreement was reached.

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